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SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO LONDON SUMMITS

1. FOLLOWING IS INR ROUND-UP OF SIGNIFICANT OFFICIAL  
AND MEDIA REACTIONS TO LONDON MEETINGS AVAILABLE AS OF  
4 PM, WASHINGTON TIME, MAY 10. OVERALL, TREATMENT WAS  
HIGHLY FAVORABLE, WITH PREDICTABLE EXCEPTIONS. MAIN  
THEMES ARE:

--THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL TRIUMPH;

--THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE  
PRESIDENT AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT;

--THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN ON NUCLEAR  
ENERGY.

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--THE IMPACT ON THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES OF THE ECONOMIC  
SUMMIT'S DECISIONS.

2. USSR: SOVIET MEDIA ARE DEPICTING THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT  
AS AN UNSUCCESSFUL AFFAIR WHERE THE PARTICIPANTS, BESET  
BY "PROFOUND CONTRADICTIONS," WERE UNABLE TO TAKE ANY  
CONCRETE ACTION TO EXTRICATE THE CAPITALIST WORLD FROM A

DEEPENING CRISIS. ACCORDING TO TASS, PRESIDENT CARTER WAS UNABLE TO EASE DIFFERENCES WITH US ALLIES IN EITHER THE ECONOMIC OR THE NUCLEAR ENERGY AREA, WHILE THE WEST EUROPEANS EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH WASHINGTON'S "DEMAGOGY ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS."

3. CHINA: A NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY DISPATCH FROM LONDON, MAY 9, WHICH RELIED HEAVILY ON WESTERN NEWS AGENCY REPORTS, NOTED THAT THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT FOUND "NO EFFECTIVE WAY" TO COPE WITH THE "SERIOUS ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE WEST." NCNA ALSO ASSERTED THAT THE US ON THE ONE HAND AND FRANCE AND WEST GERMANY ON THE OTHER, AGAIN DISAGREED ON THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR ENERGY.

4. JAPAN: PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA TOLD JAPANESE NEWSMEN IN LONDON, MAY 8, THAT JAPAN:

--DID NOT HAVE TO COMPROMISE ON TRADE PROBLEMS DURING THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT;

--WOULD HAVE TO TAKE MEASURES IN THE FUTURE TO PREVENT A "TORRENTIAL FLOW" OF SOME JAPANESE GOODS TO THE WESTERN MARKET, AS HAPPENED LAST YEAR;

--HAD PROMISED TO MAKE AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO ACHIEVE ITS ECONOMIC GROWTH TARGET OF 6.7 PERCENT FOR THIS YEAR TO HELP STIMULATE THE WORLD ECONOMY BUT THIS WAS NOT TO BIND JAPAN WITH ANY BURDENS.

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ON NUCLEAR ENERGY, FUKUDA SAID THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE SUMMIT WOULD NOT AFFECT JAPAN'S PLAN TO DEVELOP ITS OWN NUCLEAR FUEL RECYCLING SYSTEM.

5. WESTERN EUROPE

6. BRITAIN: A TIMES EDITORIAL, MAY 9, SAID THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD MADE AN "EXCELLENT BEGINNING...IN REVITALIZING THE SELF CONFIDENCE OF THE WESTERN WORLD." THE PAPER CONTINUED:

--"FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE PRESIDENT KENNEDY DIED, THE WESTERN WORLD CAN FEEL THAT IT HAS A LEADER--AND ONE WHO CAN...AROUSE THE ENTHUSIASM OF PEOPLES AND INSPIRE THE CONFIDENCE OF STATESMEN."

7. AN EDITORIAL IN THE FINANCIAL TIMES THE SAME DAY MAINTAINED, HOWEVER, THAT THE SUMMIT HAD "DONE NO MORE THAN ENDORSE THE EXISTING ECONOMIC POLICIES OF ALL SEVEN

PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS...HARDLY...A BREAKTHROUGH."

8. FRANCE: IN A NEWS BRIEFING, MAY 9, PRESIDENT GISCARD CALLED PRESIDENT CARTER "A MAN OF GREAT SIMPLICITY, A MAN OF MODESTY,...WHO IS READY TO LISTEN TO CRITICISM AND WHO IS DETERMINED TO CARRY OUT THE POLICIES WHICH ARE BEST FOR HIS GREAT COUNTRY." GISCARD THOUGHT THAT ONE OF THE MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT WAS THAT IT HAD OPENED THE WAY TO RESOLVING THE IMPASSE IN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE.

9. AN EDITORIAL IN THE MAY 9 FRANCE-SOIR SAID THAT, WITH THE COMING OF PRESIDENT CARTER, "IT IS AN ALMOST FORTHGOTTEN AMERICA THAT ERUPTS ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE. THE HUMILIATIONS OF VIETNAM, THE TRAUMA BORN OF THE WATERGATE AFFAIR, THE LONG PARENTHESIS THAT WAS THE REIGN OF GERALD FORD, ALL THIS IS ENDED."  
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10. LES ECHOS OF MAY 9 CALLED THE PRESIDENT "THE UNQUESTIONABLE STAR OF THE LONDON SUMMIT," AND SAID THAT GISCARD "SEEMED VERY MUCH ISOLATED."

11. FIGARO ON MAY 10 TOOK NOTE OF THE PRESIDENT'S WARNING TO THE SOVIETS ABOUT BERLIN. IT SAID THAT HE HAD CLEARLY SOUGHT TO LET MOSCOW KNOW THAT DETENTE IS "BASED ON RESPECT OF THE RULES OF THE GAME, THAT IT IS A MATTER OF RECIPROCITY...."

12. WEST GERMANY: CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, IN AN INTERVIEW ON GERMAN TELEVISION, MAY 8, POINTED OUT THAT THE GERMANS WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE TO "MAKE SACRIFICES FOR THE BENEFIT OF OTHERS." AND HE CONTINUED: "EACH OF US IS DOING WELL ONLY IF THE OTHERS ARE DOING WELL, TOO."

13. HANDELSBLATT OF MAY 9 THOUGHT THAT EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE SUBSTANTIVE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE US AND THE FRG WAS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CHANCELLOR AND THE PRESIDENT.

14. CONCERNING THE FOUR-POWER MEETING ON BERLIN, DIE WELT CLAIMED ON MAY 10 THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENTS "INDICATE THAT HE KNOWS WHAT IS AT STAKE...BUT WHAT PROMPTED MISGIVINGS WAS THAT HIS KNOWLEDGE OF FACTS IS MORE SPOTTY THAN IS GOOD FOR THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS."

15. THE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE OF MAY 9 MAINTAINED THAT THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT "PRODUCED NO DRAMATIC CONTROVERSY AND

NO SPECTACULAR RESULTS" BUT DID REACH A COMPROMISE THAT  
NUCLEAR POWER CAN BE USED, WITH NEW INTERNATIONAL CONTROL  
MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT ABUSES.

16. ITALY: A CORRIERE DELLA SERA COLUMNIST WROTE ON  
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MAY 10 THAT PRESIDENT CARTER MADE AN EXCELLENT BEGINNING  
AND WAS GIVEN THE CONFIDENCE AND SOLIDARITY OF THE ALLIES.  
"HE WAS ABLE TO ASSUME A LOW PROFILE, WHICH WAS THE REAL  
SURPRISE AND ALSO THE SUMMIT'S MOST POSITIVE NOTE."

17. AN EDITORIAL IN IL GIORNALE CALLED THE SUMMIT MAINLY  
A CARTER-SCHMIDT SUMMIT. THEREFORE, IT SAID, "ALL JUDG-  
MENT ON THE OUTCOME...MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SYMPATHY  
AND WARMTH ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT  
AND THE GERMAN CHANCELLOR."

18. SOUTH ASIA

19. INDIA: WIDESPREAD EDITORIAL COMMENT GENERALLY HELD  
THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT FELL "FAR SHORT"  
OF THIRD WORLD EXPECTATIONS.

20. PAKISTAN: THE PROMINENT PLAY GIVEN BY THE MEDIA TO  
THE JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE  
ECONOMIC SUMMIT STRESSED THE PARTICIPANTS':

--AGREEMENT ON THE NEED TO INCREASE NUCLEAR ENERGY WHILE  
REDUCING THE RISKS OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION;

--AGREEMENT TO CREATE A COMMON FUND TO HELP STABILIZE  
WORLD RAW MATERIAL PRICES.

21. A KARACHI OVERSEAS SERVICE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE BROADCAST  
OF MAY 10 DECLARED THAT THE "MAJOR DECISION" OF THE SEVEN  
ON THE NEED TO INCREASE NUCLEAR ENERGY "NOT ONLY REPRESENTS  
AN ADVANCE ON THE POSITION TAKEN...BY SOME GOVERNMENTS  
LATELY (BUT) MAY EVEN BE REGARDED AS A VIRTUAL  
REVERSAL OF THAT POSITION." CHRISTOPHER

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